



January 11, 1999 .

Our Mother shines in Glory,
Victorious on her throne,
And millions yield allegiance,
Her help, protection, own.

Dear Sisters:

Just as the Christmas Season was closing last week at Victory Noll we were celebrating Sister Clarice May's life with us in wake and funeral services.

Sister Clarice was taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital emergency room Monday morning, January 4, with a breathing problem. Streets were cleared enough at that time to allow the E.M.S. through. She was in danger of a heart attack, was admitted to the Hospital and given medication. Tuesday morning 4:00 o'clock, January 5, 1999, Sister died of a heart attack. She went to her eternal life quickly and quietly.

Sister Clarice May was born August 9, 1910 to Frank J. and Elizabeth C. (Seidenabel) May in New York City, New York. She graduated from Commercial High School and was employed as a stenographer and typist before entering Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Congregation October 28, 1939.

Sister made first vows August 5, 1942 and had ministered in religious education in Indiana, California, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey and Florida. In 1963 Sister was appointed to be business manager in The Missionary Catechist department. In 1968 she was called to be secretary to the president, Sister Florentine Lohr. Later she was secretary to the presidents, Sister Gertrude Sullivan, Sister Jeanette Halbach and the leadership team: Sister Mary Lou Rowney, Sister Joan Arnold, Sister Angela Marzen and Sister Lucille Martinez. In 1989 she retired and was on the secretarial staff at Victory Noll until 1994 when she moved to Holy Family Health Care Center. During these years Sister Clarice was also writing letters to the Sisters in the missions. Sister Mary Ellen Descourouez shared with us how those letters from the States were welcomed by the Sisters in Bolivia.

Sister Clarice is preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph F. May and Frank H. May and one sister, Frances E. Hennessy. She

is survived by two brothers, Otto W. May of Richmond Hill, New York and Matthew M. May of Uniondale, New York and one sister, Mary J. Schaefer of Brooklyn, New York.

Rita Cronen (a niece) and her husband John Cronen; (grandnieces) Janet Schaefer and Dolores Schaefer joined us in prayer at the wake service Thursday evening in Memorial Chapel.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30, Friday morning, January 8, with Father Thomas Fahey officiating. Father's homily contained these words to us:

"I always thought of Sister Clarice as a very sad and lonely person. I believe she was, yet she was a woman of great faith and had a great desire for God. I think she felt something was missing. This was a grace for her because it was meant to remind her that nothing in this life could fully satisfy her. Her home was with God and God alone could make her fully happy. There is no equal to a loving, living God. Nothing really can satisfy us; work, friendship, learning or travel, only being at home with God. Sister Clarice is now at home with God."

Final prayers were in the gathering space because of weather conditions. We Have A Holy Mother closed all of the beautiful prayers, singing and music for our Sister Clarice May's intentions.

Peace be with you, Sister Clarice, and we trust you will be remembering us as we will be remembering you.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Marjorie Curran

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